

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, April 8.

The Cuban message will be placed before Congress next Monday, unless some unexpected event should happen to change the reported fixed intention of the President, and meantime the departure of some American citizens as may desire to leave Cuba will continue. At the White House, save for frequent conferences, there is no sign of a crisis, and on the day fixed for the transmission to Congress of a message that is expected to lead to war probably eight or ten thousand American children will be enjoying themselves on the twenty acre plot of ground surrounding the Executive Mansion. Despite the grave situation at this time all arrangements are going ahead for the Easter egg rolling on the White House grounds with the Marine Band as an adjunct to the festivities.

At the State Department to-day officials were devoting their time to the preparation of the Cuban correspondence which, it is now understood, will accompany the President's message on Monday. Assistant Secretary Day said in response to inquiries that there was nothing to make public either from Minister Woodford or from Consul General Lee. The officials of the department now appear sanguine that Americans in the island of Cuba will be able to leave there before any hostilities commence, if they so desire. Ample preparations have been made by the government with this object in view and if, through negligence or indifference, any of the Americans neglect to avail themselves of the opportunities offered to get away, it will be at their own risk. Apparently the only new feature in the Navy Department to-day was the extraordinarily large number of assignments of naval officers, indicating great activity in that branch of the service.

This was regular Cabinet day. Prior to the meeting members stated that there had been no material development in the situation and that the work of preparation is steadily going ahead. No one at the Capitol to-day seems to doubt that war is inevitable. Discussion now is largely directed toward the method of procedure and there are even now theories advanced as to how Cuba shall be governed. These discussions relate to the form of declaration by Congress and the present condition in Cuba, together with what the condition will be after Spain has been expelled, and are participated in by Senators who are charged with the responsibility of action. From those best informed it is learned that in the opinion of leading Senators whatever action is taken, forcible intervention by the United States will make this country responsible for the future government of the island, and that we must make it safe for life and property. The meeting was mainly devoted to an informal discussion of the situation. It was stated that there was no fresh development in the situation brought to the attention of the Cabinet nor any dispatches or communications of any sort placed before it. The joint note of the powers was considered, but that it will have practically no effect on the situation as it now exists was plainly evident. Consul General Lee, it was reiterated, would surely leave Havana Saturday, according to the cable instructions. Just when General Woodford is expected to vacate his post is not ascertainable and may not have been decided. There is now no difference of opinion among members of the Cabinet on the question of the final issue of the present complications. All agree that war apparently is unavoidable. At to-day's meeting the question of what course this government would pursue in case of a surrender on the part of Spain was not discussed, but present indications, it was stated, point only to open hostilities within the next few days.

The Spanish-American situation is regarded to-day as even more grave than at any time heretofore. The hopeful views of peace heretofore entertained have given away to the conviction that the issue between the United States and Spain has become well nigh irreconcilable. The steering committee of the republican House conference appointed last Wednesday to canvass the situation and ascertain how many republicans will, if the President's message does not go to Congress next Monday, join with the democrats to secure action upon a resolution declaring for Cuban independence and armed intervention will meet at the Capitol this afternoon. Mr. Lorrimer, of Illinois, one of the active spirits in the movement and a member of the steering committee, says that over 100 of the House republicans have already agreed to act with them.

The military affairs committee of the House to-day unanimously reported the Odell bill granting permission for the building of a Catholic chapel on the government reservation at West Point. The bill has been before the committee in various forms for two years. A general bill covering all reservations and religious was beaten. This special bill growing out of the particular conditions at West Point met with no opposition.

Assistant Secretary Day announced this afternoon that all the citizens of the United States now in Cuba who desired to leave would positively be out of that island by Saturday. He added that it could also be reiterated that Consul General Lee would leave Havana on that date. This statement was made yesterday, but its positive reiteration on the day preceding the day set shows there has been no delay in getting the Americans off and that nothing has developed that would keep General Lee at Havana longer than he had been expected to stay.

Congressmen Rixey and Hay of Virginia, whose families have spent the winter with them here, have moved them back to their homes. Mr. W. J. Bryan will arrive here at noon next Wednesday. Between 4 and 5 o'clock on that day a reception will be given him by Mr. R. N. Harper, president of the Virginia democratic association of this city, at his residence, and at night he will attend the banquet to be given in his honor by the democratic association of the District of Columbia.

In the House foreign affairs committee to-day it was stated that ten million Cuban bonds were authorized, and that large blocks of them sold as low as 25 cents, and none brought more than 45 cents on the dollar.

The members of the ways and means committee of the House are engaged with the Treasury officials in drafting of a war revenue measure to be introduced in Congress immediately upon the opening of hostilities with Spain. An increase in the internal revenue tax on beer from \$1 to \$2 a barrel and a tax on the dollar.

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large increase in the tax on manufactured tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes, has been practically agreed upon. Bank checks, bills of exchange, drafts, deeds, mortgages, and other paper of this class, patent medicines and nostrums in all probability also will be added to the list. A bill providing for a temporary loan of \$100,000,000 and a permanent loan of \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 at 3 per cent, payable in coin, has been prepared by the committee.

The bill to reorganize the army was defeated in the House yesterday because it was thought to be an attempt to embody the man of the militia in the regular army, without their officers.

It is reported that speculators have made millions by the recent fluctuations in stocks on private tips obtained from knowing quarters.

The republican managers in Congress have not as yet determined upon the time to be held for debate on the Cuban question when it shall come before that body. They say that any delay will be unfortunate, but they as yet don't seem to know how delay can be avoided.

Many of the army officers detailed for service at educational institutions have been ordered to rejoin their regiments at once. Congressman Walker's election committee met this morning for the purpose of reporting in favor of giving Brown, republican, the seat now held by Swanson, democrat, but up to 1 p. m. two of the republican members had not appeared, and one of those present was said to be in favor of Swanson's re-election in the committee room was that the case would go over until next session.

The immense crowd that jammed the Capitol last Wednesday will, it is expected, be exceeded by that that will be there next Monday when the President's message of the President on the Cuban question will, it is now confidently believed, be received. It has already become almost impossible to obtain tickets for seats in the galleries.

A prominent House republican who is close to the President and who is kept in the confidence of the President said that the situation was unchanged. "Do you believe Spain will yield?" he was asked. "I do not see how she can," he replied. "The intimation that the Queen intended to take the reins in her own hands and concede everything on Wednesday almost caused the downfall of the ministry."

The Spanish minister, Señor Polo, has received no orders of any kind relating to his withdrawal from Washington and this to some extent indicates that Madrid has not yet anticipated a final break between the two countries.

## SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

There was a scene of great excitement in the House of Representatives late yesterday afternoon, during the consideration of the bill for the reorganization of the army. It was caused by Mr. Lutz, an Ohio democrat, who made a vicious assault on the administration, charging that the policy of delay was in the interest of stock jobbers in Wall street. He alleged that Wall street was in the possession of information that the message would not go in long before it was known at the Capitol and profited heavily by the advance in the price of stocks which resulted. He even charged that there was no warrant for the alarming statements about the situation in Havana, which were made as a justification for the delay of the message.

Mr. Grosvenor indignantly denied that there was justification for the reports, and held Mr. Lutz up to scorn for alleging corrupt motives against the President.

Mr. Lutz disclaimed this, but the irate friend of the President gave him no mercy. He was thoroughly aroused, and charged that the democrats were seeking political advantage, and paying his respects to John J. McCook, who is greatly worried about bonds, and he read the name of John J. McCook in one of his raids this afternoon. Who is John J. McCook? Who does he represent? What is he here for? How does he and the gentleman from Ohio stand with reference to this? I will show you that they are parties to a great conspiracy—one willing so, the other, I trust, ignorantly so. Who is John J. McCook? He is the legal representative of the Cuban Junta, of New York, behind which stands four hundred millions, more or less of bonds that can be validated by the recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States, and they will be destroyed by a policy that drives Spain out of Cuba in the interest of American people. Before he concluded he expressed the opinion that war was as certain as that we would live until next week, unless it was averted by Spain. Mr. Grosvenor defended the President earnestly, and showed why the manufacturers and so many others who had the real interests of the country at heart desired peace.

The debate on the army bill developed more and more opposition. Mr. Hull tried to save the bill by agreeing to strike out all its provisions save the three battalion formation feature, but it was in the end recommended—150-61. The House adjourned until Monday.

ENTRIES FOR WARRENTON.—The entries to the Hunt Club races at Warrenton on Easter Monday have closed and filled as follows:

Heavy Weight Steeple.—The Dragon, owned by F. A. B. Portman, rider, Thomas Dundas; Chance, owned by John S. Gaines, rider, Ernest O. Hayes; Romano, A. W. L. Trotter up.

Light Weight Steeple.—Decky Sharp, Dr. John R. Hicks; Venus, Ernest O. Hayes; Titmouse, F. A. B. Portman; Oden, Wm. Wade-Dalton.

The distance in both events will be about four miles over one of the best hunting countries around Warrenton. The start will be made at "Clifton," the country seat of Major Robert P. Barry.

The programme will conclude with a farmers' race at two miles over a part of the same course, entries to close at the post.

Interest is felt in Richmond in the local option elections, soon to be held in Virginia, especially that in Lynchburg Monday and the one in Danville, a few days later. The temperance people have been conducting an active campaign throughout the State during the past year, preparing for these local option contests. There has been but one vote on this question in Richmond, and then the wets carried the city by large odds.

A dispatch from Old Point Comfort says: A rumor was prevalent this morning that the master-at-arms of the cruiser Columbia had been arrested and ironed because of alleged betrayal of secrets the Spanish government but Commander Schley denied that any such thing had taken place. The rumor is being investigated, however.

The can buoys on a Seaboard Air Line boat, which many persons thought were submarine mines, were transferred to Cape Charles Wednesday night, where men were engaged in placing them in position to hold the torpedoes and mines, in the event that it becomes necessary to mine the gateway of the Chesapeake.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The directors of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company have re-elected C. P. Huntington as president.

Count Itagaki, a Japanese statesman, advocates an alliance between England and Japan as necessary in preparation for the expected rupture in the East.

The Italian warship Amerigo Vesputi, which passed in the Virginia capes at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, signalled that she was bound for Washington. The object of the Italian ship's visit to Washington is not known.

Margaret Mather, the actress, who appeared at Charleston, W. Va., Wednesday night in Cymbeline and who was taken suddenly ill on the stage when the play was about half over, died at 5:05 o'clock yesterday evening of acute Bright's disease. The body will be taken to Detroit.

United States Minister Woodford has issued a statement to the Spanish press of Madrid, asking the correction of inaccurate reports published. He further stated that he had not given up his residence, and that his wife left for Paris because she was in poor health. He has never had the slightest apprehension as to his own personal security or that of his family. He is working for peace, and, despite all rumor to the contrary, he still hopes peace will be kept between Spain and the United States, and that peace will soon be re-established in Cuba, "based upon absolute justice, with protection for the great American interests in that island, and the maintenance of the honor of Spain."

One of the Washington newspapers this morning contained an intimation to the effect that the European powers are bent on taking a hand in the local peace negotiations in regard to Cuba, and that the United States may, should the latter prove victorious in a conflict with Spain, find herself in a muddle with other nations as well as with Spain. The paper also states that it is understood Emperor William contemplates sending Cuba in the name of Germany. All this would, of course, with our Monroe doctrine ideas, cause serious friction. None of the other morning papers, however, published the sensational statement, and it is generally believed to be unfounded.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Geo. D. Wise, of Richmond, has decided not to enter the congressional race against Mr. Lamb.

Mrs. Brown, mother-in-law of Mayor Alex. F. Fultz, of Staunton, died Wednesday night, over 94 years of age, having been born in Chester county, Pa., December 13, 1808.

The directors of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural Fair Society have selected September 27, 28 and 29 as the dates for the twelfth annual fair to be held at Fredericksburg.

The board of the Chesapeake and its tributaries has decided to award to Captain White, of Yorktown, \$450 for the buoyage bill, which was sunk off Lambert's point, December 23 last by the State's oyster steamer Chesapeake.

There was a romantic wedding in Manchester last night, when Miss Martha J. Satchfield, who lies on what is believed to be her deathbed, was married to Mr. Lucin T. Randle. The physician does not expect the bride to live through the night.

Sanford Valentine and his little son, Clyde, were badly burned yesterday at the Richmond Cedar Works by the explosion of benzine. The father was burned about the face and neck. The injuries of the boy are more serious, but neither will probably prove fatal.

The laying of the corner stone of the Virginia Home for incurables, at Norfolk, will take place on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is expected that the new building will be ready for occupancy about the middle of September, and the institution will then be moved from its present unsatisfactory location.

Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Wheaton, Lancaster county, was destroyed by fire at a late hour Wednesday night. Rev. E. F. Hall, the pastor, held services in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, and the congregation was dismissed at 9. But little fire was left in the stove and the origin of the fire is unknown. The church was erected about 30 years ago at a cost of about \$1,300; no insurance.

## M. P. CONFERENCE.

Considerable excitement was aroused at the session of the Maryland Protestant Conference in Baltimore yesterday by the resignation from the conference of the Rev. B. A. Dumm, pastor at Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county. Mr. Dumm secured recognition and began reading a paper which said, in effect:

"The time has come for me to make a statement that will terminate my connection with the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference. I do so unwillingly, but I feel compelled to take this step. I do so because I find that the church is a failure in its policy, and that it is vitally lacking in those things which should make for its success."

At this point Mr. Dumm was interrupted and the conference refused to allow him to proceed. Mr. Dumm thereupon left the church. He is a young man and one of the most highly educated men in the church. He has had some trouble in his charge at Brooklyn, and claims to have been slighted by the conference president in keeping him in small charges. He has accepted the assistant pastorate of the First Congregational Church, of Washington, of which Rev. Dr. Newman is the pastor, and will begin his work in Washington immediately.

Before the excitement President Melvin addressed the conference about appointments. He said: "I want to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that appointments are made by the annual conference and at its session. Some brethren think action of the churches requesting the return or removal of a pastor is final and decides it. It does not settle anything, even the wish of the church. The report of Dr. J. T. Murray read the report of the Baltimore book directory, which he said closed the year with a slight deficit, impairing temporarily the too limited capital."

An overture from General Conference was adopted providing for the election annually of station and circuit stewards in the stations; by qualified members, including ministers and preachers, and in the circuits and missions by societies, each society electing its own stewards, providing each society shall have at least one steward.

## SPANISH AFFAIRS.

The result of the Spanish cabinet's latest deliberations is believed to be that it has taken a firm stand against further concession to the United States. An extraordinary session of the cabinet was held in Madrid last night, at which a communication from Rome was answered. The communication is reported to have asked what concessions Spain would make. The answer, it is also stated, was that the government "simply reaffirmed its former decisions already known to President McKinley."

A dispatch from Madrid says: The ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Austria and Italy yesterday evening visited Señor Guillon, minister of foreign affairs, and presented to him a note in the interest of peace, similar to the note presented to President McKinley. Señor Guillon, in replying to the note, said that the cabinet was in full agreement that the demands or allowing the pretensions of the United States.

A special cablegram from Madrid states that the Sagasta ministry will probably fall unless peace counsels prevail. Señor Silveira, leader of the opposition, has arrived in Madrid. The Queen Regent was denounced on the streets of Madrid for her efforts to secure peace.

Great activity is being displayed in Spanish navy-yards, and merchant vessels are being fitted out with rapid-firing guns and manned by strong crews, commanded by officers of the royal navy.

Minister Woodford, in a second note sent to the Spanish Council yesterday evening stated that when he sent the semi-private note (published yesterday) he had not received a dispatch from President McKinley announcing the postponement of the presentation of the latter's message to Congress, and "as that changes the aspect of affairs, he withdraws the statements made in the previous note."

A dispatch from Washington says: There is no longer any doubt as to the purposes of this government with respect to the situation in Cuba. War, in the opinion of the administration, is inevitable except in the unlikely event of a surrender on the part of Spain. Any movement to avert war now must come from Madrid, and must concede American demands, including an end to Spain's dominion in Cuba. The opinion is that diplomacy has been exhausted, and that Spain must yield or take the consequences. The President's message will be sent to Congress on Monday practically unchanged, unless there are developments in the meantime. On the highest authority it can be stated that no instructions have been given as yet to Minister Woodford contemplating his withdrawal, the only step in that direction being the determination that General Lee will leave Havana to-morrow.

The note of the powers, handed to the President yesterday, has not, in the opinion of members of the administration, changed the situation in the slightest degree. What pressure was brought to bear to secure even this mildly expressed hope that further negotiations would result in the maintenance of peace is not known, but it is confidently believed that it is the result of persistent appeals on the part of Spain for some expression in favor of peace between the two countries. The note is not regarded in any sense as a protest against the course this government has pursued thus far, or is likely to adopt to secure a stable government in Cuba. Some of the governments represented in the note are known to be in full accord with this government in its purposes with respect to the Cuban question, and therefore any theory that the note was intended as a remonstrance is not regarded as tenable.

At the embassies and legations the presentation of the joint note of the powers was regarded as the event of the day. An ambassador from one of the great powers of continental Europe stated that it was without a parallel in history; that it was the first and the only time that the six great nations of Europe, representing in the aggregate the power of civilization, had united in this solemn manner to secure the peace of the world. It was, he said, a historic statement, and one fitting to occur on the advent of the twentieth century.

Information from a high source clearly indicates that a naval demonstration against Havana has been considered, and is almost certain to be made within the next few days, unless Spain yields. If this demonstration results in war, the President is ready to accept the issue.

Consul General Lee will leave Havana to-morrow for the United States. The government has made all necessary arrangements for Americans to leave Cuba by that time, and the Consul General has been given authority to charter steamers if necessary. Similar arrangements have been made for the protection of Americans in Porto Rico.

A military draft has been issued in Cuba requiring every able-bodied Spaniard to register for military duty.

## SENATORIAL CONFERENCE.

A number of the leading republican Senators, including Messrs. Allison, Aldrich, Hanna and Spooner, most of whom are classed as conservatives, held a prolonged conference in the room of the Senate committee on rules yesterday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to devise, if possible, a plan whereby the action of the Senate on the Cuban situation will be harmonious. The Senators desire that whatever position is taken by the Senate after the receipt of the President's message on Monday shall be as nearly unanimous as it is possible to have it, and they are devoting themselves especially to formulating a resolution upon which a general agreement can be secured. Some have committed themselves to the opinion that the people of Cuba should be free, but they have taken a decided stand against the recognition of the present Cuban government, which, they contend, is decidedly mythical and unsubstantial in so far as the people of the United States are informed. They prefer to leave it to the President to recognize whatever government he shall see proper after the Spaniards shall be driven from the island. Further conferences will be held as there is some opposition to this view of the matter.

While skylarking yesterday evening Wm. James, colored, a porter in Messrs. Lindsay & Co.'s store, was struck on the head and quite badly hurt.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly and is a well known cure for piles. Charles G. Lennon.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Returning from Cuba.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 8.—The steamer Brookline arrived at Port Antonio this morning from the city of Santiago de Cuba, having on board U. S. Consul Hyatt, the staff of the consulate and twenty-five Americans, children included. All were quiet at Santiago when the Brookline left that port. There are three small Spanish warships there and the entrance of the harbor is protected by a torpedo. American interests at Santiago de Cuba have been less in care of the British consul. The Brookline will sail for Boston to-night. Mr. Hyatt has not determined whether he will go to Boston or stay in quarantine at Port Antonio. Some of the refugees will go to Boston.

NEW YORK, April 8.—A cable dispatch from Havana says: The expected exodus of Americans and others has not occurred yet, except on a small scale. When the Bache and the Mangrove arrived on Tuesday following the official notice from the State Department, that they had been sent to take away Americans who decided to go, it was believed that many would leave immediately. The Bache and Fern are here still. The Mangrove was prepared to go on Wednesday, but only twelve persons applied for passage, and Gen. Lee thought it unnecessary to send the vessel out then. She left last night with 50 persons. On Wednesday word came that all quarantine restrictions were removed and that the Mascotte and the Olivette would make extra trips to take people away, and that the Yucatan would also go to Key West for the same purpose. But only 96 people left on the Mascotte on the regular trip. Wednesday she returned from Key West and took away 73 more. Yesterday the Yucatan arrived. She stopped at Palm Beach over night to ascertain if it was safe to come here, and left for Mexico direct without going to Key West. The Olivette has been waiting at Tampa but will arrive here on Saturday at the special request of General Lee. A list of passengers has been prepared for the Bache and the Fern.

General Lee and the newspaper men expect to go to Key West on the Fern. They may leave on Saturday but that programme is subject to change. The alarm of the people which was very pronounced three days ago subsided when it became known that the President's message was not to be sent to Congress this week, and the unofficial news that the Queen had taken Cuban matters out of the ministry's hands and would accede to the demands of the United States also allayed the feeling. People who had arranged to leave decided, with the usual Spanish proclivity for procrastination, to wait, and they believe present indications point to an amicable settlement. If they are mistaken in this there may be no boats to take them in case of sudden excitement next week. The United States government has given them every opportunity to escape if they desire to go but does not propose to urge them to get out.

At the headquarters of Central Cuban Relief Committee, in this city, it was said to-day that Miss Clara Barton was expected to leave Cuba with her nine assistants in company with Consul General Lee to-morrow.

From Madrid.

MADRID, April 8.—A much calmer feeling prevails here to-day, reflecting the newspaper utterances and various published versions of the Cabinet meeting of last evening.

The statement published in London to the effect that United States Minister Woodford is to leave Madrid on Sunday is untrue. General Woodford to-day reiterated his statement that he would not leave until directed to apply for his passports or until they were handed to him. The minister added that he had no intimation of his government fixing a date for his leaving Madrid, and it might be taken as a fact that no date would be fixed upon until after President McKinley's message had been sent to Congress, and leave the Spanish capital before that would prejudice the whole case.

Geo. B. White Arrested.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—George B. White, of Hyndman, Pa., who is wanted in Boston to answer the charge of obtaining money from several Boston banks by misrepresentations, was arrested in this city to-day and held to await requisition papers from Massachusetts. In 1893 while he and his brother were engaged in the leather business at 226 Purchase street, Boston, under the firm name of W. S. White & Co., they obtained, it is alleged, nearly \$100,000 from Boston banks, the Continental, Commercial, Manufacturers' bank of the Republic and Merchants bank, being among the institutions which are said to have loaned money to the firm.

Ex-Secretary Thompson's Views.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 8.—Former Secretary of the Navy Richard W. Thompson says he now believes the United States should demand the withdrawal of the Spanish troops from Cuba and give the insurgents a chance to govern themselves. He continues: "I cannot say that I am strictly in line on the plan of armed intervention. Once I was in favor of recognizing the independence of the Cuban government, but I have rejected that plan. It would be the recognition of something illegitimate. The Cubans have a martial camp, but they are not governing themselves in a civilized sense as yet."

Defenses of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—New lines of interior defenses are now being built for the fortifications of this city. The enemy will be obliged to engage the powerful 12-inch batteries at Fort Point and Fort Baker on Lime Point. If through any chance of war hostile ironclads should manage to pass the outer line of fortifications, the inner batteries of Alcatraz, Angel Island and Valley Beach, would resist their further advance. The superiority of the torpedo station on Goat Island has placed in position electrical apparatus for submarine mines.

A Fatal Knock Out.

COLUMBUS, O., April 8.—Geo. Stout, of Philadelphia, who was knocked out by Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," in a hot fight last night, died at the hospital at 5:10 this morning from the effects of the blow. It was in the 12th round that the fatal jolt was delivered. Stout falling heavily and never regaining consciousness. Gardner and his records were arrested and taken to the police station.

Thousands of sufferers from gripe have been restored to health by One Minute Cure. It quickly cures colic, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. Charles G. Lennon.

## Spain a Spectator.

MADRID, April 8.—The ministers at yesterday's cabinet council considered General Woodford's withdrawal note, the collective action of the powers, the warlike preparations and, it is alleged, something else, which has not yet transpired. The greatest curiosity is felt regarding this unknown subject but rigid silence is maintained regarding it. It is supposed not to concern another note from General Woodford. His communications yesterday were limited to his withdrawal note. It is also said the unknown subject of deliberation was a Spanish note to the United States, as it is claimed Spain is neither sending nor intending to send one. Finally it is asserted that it was not the collective action of the powers which formed the subject for deliberation.

Spain, at present, being according to the official points of view, a spectator, and not an agent in the negotiations, it is intimated that the secret matter refers to something officially formulated by the Pope. The Imparcial thinks the delay in the presentation of President McKinley's message to Congress is a good sign, but it adds: "Nobody is under any illusions respecting the American policy. If peaceful prospects predominate, they do so for reasons beyond Yankee control." The Imparcial also says it considers the action of the powers in offering their "good offices as being favorable to Spain."

A cabinet minister, in an interview on the present situation, is quoted as saying: "All the ministers have sunk their individual opinions and are working unanimously in the interests of the country. It is entirely useless to attempt to arrange a compromise in the face of the attitude of America, which has decided to seek a rupture at any cost. The Spanish government would weaken itself by concessions antagonistic to public sentiment. Neither the government nor the country desire war, but the government must save Spain's honor. If President McKinley succeeds in withstanding Congress, it will certainly be an indication favorable to peace. If he does not succeed it will be because he has lost control of the situation, in which case the Spanish concessions are absolutely useless."

Naval Preparations.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The U. S. gunboat Annapolis arrived this morning from Key West and anchored off Tompkinsville, S. I.

Mechanics and laborers to the number of 2,200 are hard at work in the shops, on the vessels and at the big dry dock in the navy yard here to-day. It is stated that the Mayflower will be ready to sail on Monday. The Dolphin's engines are out of order and a cove of experts have experienced considerable difficulty in adjusting them.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—The gunboat Princeton, built at Camden, is finished and is ready to be turned over to the government. It is expected that she will within a few days be ordered to the League Island navy yard to receive her fittings and prepare for sea. A double force is at work on the torpedo boat Mackenzie and it is expected she will be ready for delivery to the government in less than a month. The Cramps are rushing work on the big battleship Alabama. It is expected that the Bethlehem Iron Works will soon begin the delivery of her armor.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 8.—The light-house tender Mangrove arrived here this morning from Havana. She had 26 passengers on board. After landing her passengers she proceeded to her wharf where she will be fitted with rapid fire guns.

Foreign News.

PARIS, April 8.—The officers composing the court-martial which acquitted Count Esterhazy met to-day and decided to begin civil actions for libel against Emile Zola, and M. Perreux, publisher of the Aurore, who were recently sentenced to imprisonment for making charges which were not sustained against the conduct of the court-martial. The officers also expressed the wish that the minister of war, Gen. Billot, would ask that Mr. Zola be expelled from the Legion of Honor.

CAIRO, April 8.—The Anglo-Egyptian forces attacked the derwish position this morning and rushed Mahmood's Ziria, the centre of his fortifications, without check. The attack was entirely successful and the deriwishes lost very heavily.

From Havana.

HAVANA, April 8.—Everything is quiet here and the state of waiting, expectation and doubt continues as it has during the past week or more. According to outward appearances there is absolutely no change in the usual routine. Good Friday, with its proper observance, is more the topic in the public mind here than war or diplomacy. From to-day on, all code telegrams from or to Cuba must be translated at the censor's office with the code books in sight.

FAIRFAX NOTES.

Mr. C. Vernon Ford is having material hauled and will soon commence the erection of a handsome residence near the late Judge D. M. Chichester's home.

Mr. George Dodd, of Loudoun county, has rented Springdale, a portion of the Hayfield farm, and is now on the same with his family.

Mr. Lewis Gunnell Stanhope, a native of this place, and a brother of Mrs. Eliza J. Gunnell, died of paralysis at his home near Hagerstown, Md., on Tuesday, aged 79 years.

Mr. Patrick O'Connors and Mrs. Martha M. Lee, of Fairfax county, were married at the parsonage of the M. E. Church South, Fairfax, April 4th, by Rev. C. K. Millican.

At the recent meeting of the County Supervisors Messrs. Oliver and Moore were given right to erect telephone lines over county roads from Colvin run to Forestville, Herndon to Chantilly, by way of Fryngram, Herndon to Sterling (to county line), Fairfax C. H. to Clifton, and to Burke's station.—(Herald.)

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mess and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as Little Elder Pills. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. Charles G. Lennon.

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